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Thought for the week:
 'Kindness costs nothing.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October 2023



'We can rediscover a symphonic Church, in which each person is able to sing with his or her own voice, welcoming the voices of others as a gift to manifest in the harmony of the whole that the Holy Spirit composes.'

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents

Y5/6 Mass

Many thanks to our Upper Key Stage Two team for organising Mass today. The theme of the mass was 'Our Lady of the Rosary'. Throughout the month of October the children will be planning liturgies in honour of Our Lady and sharing decades of the Rosary in classes and in the prayer garden.

Design and Technology

Y5 have enjoyed tasting, designing and creating their own pizzas this week and Y6, as part of their Government and Monarchy topics have designed a robe focusing on the skills of stitching.

Black History Month

Mrs Young our History Lead has organised our *Black History Month* activities this week. The children are focusing on inspirational people from past and present, allowing us to study the achievements of many famous people; Alice Coachman, Mary Seacole, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parkes, Martin Luther King and many more.

Professor McGinty

Our favourite time traveller Professor McGinty joined us in school this week to share his adventures with Y4 and Y5 relating to the Vikings and Battle of Britain Topics they are studying. We always enjoy his visits and learn a lot. Check out our Twitter page to see pictures of the visit.

World Space Week

Thank you to Miss Mochan our Science Lead for organising our 'Space' activities. The children have enjoyed designing planets, creating rockets and reading up on space as part of their reading diet this week and creating posters.

National Poetry Day

Thank you to Mrs Hesgrave our English Lead for organising events for Y2-6 to celebrate National Poetry Day. As I visited classes this week it was lovely to see the poems that children were enjoying and creating in class.

Y3 Trip to Packwood House

Miss Travers and Miss Kavanagh enjoyed a wonderful day out with Y3 at Packwood House and Gardens as part of their study on Packwood House. The aim of the trip was to investigate the different types of gardens that Packwood hosts; kitchen, herb, wild and maze. The children had a super time and enjoyed exploring and learning about the different uses of the grounds.

World Mental Health Day

Next Week the Wellbeing Council are celebrating World Mental Health Day with a non uniform day. Pupils are asked to donate a £1.00. The proceeds of the day will enable school to purchase books for the library and make a donation to the charity *Mind*.

Transition for REC places 2024 and Year 7 Pupils 2024

A reminder to parents of pupils starting Reception in September 2024 that the window has opened for applications and closes in January 2024. Parents with pupils currently in Year 6 have until October 31st this month to submit their application to Birmingham City Council online. If you need any assistance please contact the school office.

Parking

As you are aware the parking around school is limited as well as in our neighbouring roads. We continue to ask that all drivers are considerate of each other when parking, dropping off or collecting pupils at the start and end of the day.

Punctuality

Please can I ask that pupils arrive on time and enter through the playground gates. It is unsettling for staff and pupils when children arrive late. This also has an impact on the office staff and their morning duties.

The gates are open promptly at 8.30 and close at 8.45.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.
 Mrs J Logue

Gospel Virtues
Autumn 1 Term

Grateful & Generous

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Diary Dates

Y6G Swimming
Wednesday 11th
October

Y1/2 Mass
Friday 13th October
at 9.15am

Inspire Workshops
begin week beginning
9th October for Y1-6

Non Uniform
Wellbeing Day £1.00
Thursday 12th
October

Prayer of the Month

Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.



Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Natan	Emily	Dream
Reception	Imioluwa & Charlie	Lena & Kruz	Teninlanimi & Jessica
Year One	Gabriel & Amara	Molly-Ava & Tyquan	Amelia & Annabel
Year Two	Holly & Ruth	Edward & Grayson	Elroi & Siena
Year Three	Lillian & Tyanah	Max & Kurt	Nicai & Grace
Year Four	Ellena & Isabella	Jasmine Ariela	Lamek & Lily-May
Year Five	Denis & Joshua	Kacper & Reegan	Yocabel & Reese
Year Six	Oluwatimileyin & Laila	Daniel & Prosper	Elizabeth & Makail



Jason, Yulyana, Isla,

Mat C, Martyna & Daniel W.



*Many thanks to our
Altar Servers, Readers
and Offertory helpers in
Mass today.*

*Solyana, Maya, Zofia,
Beulah, Richard, Eva
Amara and Pius.*



Snippets of news about
our School Parliament

Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby for organising a litter pick with our ECO council as part of our Live Simply Project . School looks much tidier and the team did a great job to clear up leaves and litter. Well done and thankyou!

Attendance Notice Board

It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton as part of our Safe and Well checks. Please remember that our children have a right to an education - this is laid out in **UNICEF's Article 29 - A Right to an Education.**

Our overall attendance: 97%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 97% Y1 Attendance = 94%
Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 97%
Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 98%
Y6 Attendance = 98%

Article of the Week



Article 2—Black History Month



Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days]

